

PIPELINE PROJECT OF PIONEER WATER COMPANY IS UNDERWAY



OLD METHODS and new methods were evident when directors of the Pioneer Water company officially started a \$146,000 project, Monday, to put the Patterson branch of the Pioneer ditch into pipeline - the old method depicted by Alan

Hammond who hitched his team to a Fresno scraper (from the Porterville museum) that was used on the ditch in the early days; the new methods (right photo) demonstrated by Reed Trenching Inc., of Modesto, who have a contract for 18,720 feet

of cast-in-place concrete pipe. With Pioneer directors, from left, in left photo, are: Ron Thompson, job inspector for the U.S. bureau of Reclamation; Sandy Reed of Reed Trenching; Directors Chester Van Lente, John Bulk, Bob Gauger, Bob

Hawkins, and, in back, R.J. Owen, board chairman. The ground breaking ceremony was held in front of the historic archway gate at the east end of Putnam avenue, with construction moving north along the slope of the first line of

foothills. By the end of 1975 Pioneer directors hope to have the entire ditch system in pipeline; the \$470,000 project is being financed with interest-free federal money that will be repaid over a 30-year period. (Farm Tribune photos)

VANDALIA 4-H BEEF FIELD DAY, SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST SATURDAY



SHOWING TROPHIES that will be given at Fifth Annual Vandalia 4-H Beef Field Day and Showmanship contest, Saturday, on the Porterville Fair grounds are Vandalia club members, from left: Melissa Brown, Kathy Bennett, Leighann Milford, Mitchell Brown, and Leisa Milford. Invited teams from throughout California will compete in the event that is designed for competition, education and fun. Trophies are provided by Mineral King Savings and Loan association. (Farm Tribune photo)

John Alkaire, Noted Cattle Judge, To Give Pointers On Showmanship

PORTERVILLE — John Alkaire, one of the West's most outstanding cattle and showmanship judges, will take part in the Vandalia 4-H club's beef field day, March 23 on the Porterville fair grounds.

He will give a short talk and demonstration on points to remember in showing cattle during the morning, and in the afternoon, will be the head judge for competitive team championship and individual showmanship contests.

Alkaire is the herdsman for the Sequoia Angus ranch, owned by Bruce Borrer at Springville, and was formerly with the Parson Angus ranch in Sacramento.

He is a graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where, following college, he served on the faculty as head coach of the school's championship judging team.

Alkaire was showmanship judge for the last two years at the Junior Grand National at the San Francisco Cow Palace, and last January was selected to judge Angus breeding cattle at the Arizona National Livestock show.

He will have several of the top showmen in California to judge at the Vandalia Beef Field day, since for the last three years top FFA showman at the Cow Palace has been competing in the Porterville contest.

Also, for the last two years, top 4-H showman and round-robin winners at the Cow Palace have been local boys, Tyler Martinez and Richard Bennett, both Vandalia 4-H club field day competitors.

The Saturday event is the Vandalia club's fifth annual Beef Field day and Showmanship contest, with livestock showmen

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Maid Of Cotton To Be Selected Saturday Night

VISALIA — Tulare county's 1974 Maid of Cotton will be selected at a Cotton Cotillion, themed to "Cotton Explosion," at the Tulare Elks Lodge dining room, Saturday night, starting at 7 p.m.

Competing for the Maid of Cotton title are: Pamela Holtermann, Vickie Merzoian, and Kim Serafin, of Porterville; Lynn Hopkins, Peggy Stone, and Christy Wiechman, of Tulare; and Cheryl Worthley, of Dinuba.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be Donald Litz, manager of the Central Valley Coop gin at Tipton; music for dancing, following dinner, will be provided by the Gerald Bowles combo.

On the Cotillion committee are: Mrs. Clarence Valine and Mrs. Robert Fallert, of Porterville; Mrs. Clarence Speer, Pixley; Mrs. Dominic Mileniso, Strathmore; and Mrs. Vernon Thiesen, Dinuba.

COMMUNITY CONCERT DRIVE

PORTERVILLE — Volunteer workers are in the field conducting annual membership drive for the Porterville Community Concert association, with Mrs. Howard Baker, drive chairman, stating that noon, March 23, is the deadline for new memberships. Renewal membership drive was completed last week.

Drive headquarters is Wayne's Music Mart, 23 East Oak avenue, Porterville, phone 781-3118; admission to concerts during the

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SPRINGVILLE-SIERRA RODEO PARADE ENTRIES ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED

SPRINGVILLE — Entry forms are now available for Annual Springville-Sierra rodeo parade, set for the morning of April 20 in the Tulare county foothill town of Springville.

Fourteen divisions have been set up by the parade committee, headed by Fred McGregor, who states that trophies will go for the first three places in each division - except commercial - and special awards will also be presented.

All parade participants will receive free gate passes to the RCA-approved world championship Springville-Sierra rodeo the afternoon of April 20.

Parade divisions include: Bands, baton groups (two or more), baton solo, floats, horse-drawn vehicles, large mounted groups (five or more riders), small mounted groups (three or four riders), mounted pairs, western rider, costumed rider, horseless carriages, decorated bicycles, general entries and commercial.

Entry forms are available at Wall's stores in Porterville, Bakersfield and Visalia; at All-American Western in Porterville; from Norma Brittan, 824 18th St., in Bakersfield; at the Springville Variety store, in Springville; and from McGregor, 33600 Globe Drive, Porterville, phone 539-2218 (after 6 p.m.).

The parade will kick off Springville's annual rodeo weekend with professional rodeo performances in the Springville arena the afternoons of April 20 and 21; a western cowboy dance is set for the night of April 20.

Twelve girls from five southern San Joaquin valley communities are competing for queen of the 1974 Springville-Sierra rodeo, with

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Jackass Mail Stamps Now On Sale In Porterville And Springville

PORTERVILLE — The Jackass Mail will hit the trail out of Porterville, heading for Springville, the morning of April 13, leaving the Porterville city hall at 8:30 a.m., or thereabouts, and arriving in Springville in the late afternoon.

A barbecue beef lunch will be served enroute by the Tulare County CowBelles, auxiliary of the Tulare County Cattlemen's

association, and a fish fry, with western festivities, is set for the Springville-Sierra rodeo grounds as the mail riders arrive.

Jackass Mail stamps are now on sale at the Porterville chamber of commerce office, at Springville hardware, and at various emporiums in Springville and Porterville.

Letters carrying the Jackass (Continued On Page 3)

FIVE GIRLS ARE SEEKING CINCO DE MAYO QUEEN TITLE



THREE GIRLS from Porterville high school and two from Monache high are seeking the title of queen of the 1974 Cinco de Mayo celebration in Porterville, from left: Silvia Martinez, Maria Luisa Carabajal, Elva Serna, Juanita Salazar, and Obdulia Guzman. For story, see page 2. (Recorder photos)



DOC SMALL (alias Gene Duncan) an ex-wagonmaster of the Jackass Mail, tries to reason with his Medicine show girl about withdrawing from the 1974 wagonmaster race, but Connie, who says "There ain't no other like this little mother," is adamant, as can be plainly seen. She says, "keep those cards and letters coming; I'll get them through to Springville."

Editorial Comment

THE "NEW" DANCE CRAZE

Goldfish swallowing is long gone.

So is phone booth cramming.

Even campus riots and vandalism are old hat.

The new campus caper? Cheek to cheek dancing! Actually touching and holding your partner! Wow!

The tribal twitches, as they have been called, are giving way to the rumba, fox trot, waltz, Lindy, tango, Charleston. Romance, not rock, is the new kick. "Lover Come Back to Me" has more appeal than "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!"

Revival of the old dance forms is turning into a national craze. UC Berkeley has enlarged its ballroom dance classes to meet the demand. Other universities and colleges are following suit.

Old timers may wonder what next? Bathtub gin?

Planning Underway For Historic Cinco De Mayo Observance

PORTERVILLE — Planning is now underway for historic observance of Cinco De Mayo, with five girls seeking the title of Cinco De Mayo queen.

Events of the celebration will include a "Meet The Queen Candidates" banquet at Gang Sue's the evening of April 20, with this event open to the public.

A parade, carrying the theme, "Our Mexican Heritage - U.S.A." is set for downtown Porterville, May 4; during the evening of the same day the Queen's Show will be presented in the Porterville Memorial auditorium with queen

and attendants to be announced and crowned.

Traditional Cinco De Mayo celebration in the Porterville Municipal ball park will get underway the morning of May 5 and continue through the afternoon; a Queen's ball is set for the Porterville armory in the evening, with music by the "Soulfull Seven."

Other events are being considered for the area-wide celebration.

Seeking the title of Cinco De Mayo queen are: Silvia Martinex, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Martinez; Maria Luisa Carabajal, 16, daughter of Mrs. Geronima Carabajal; and Elva Serna, 18, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Amadeo Serna. These three girls reside in Porterville and are students at Porterville high school.

Also in the queen contest are: Juanita Salazar, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Salazar, and Obdulia Guzman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heron Guzman. These girls reside at Woodville and are students at Monache high school.

In charge of the queen contest is Mrs. Dave Gallego.

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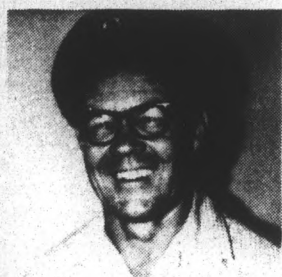
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Cap'n Jack Sez:

"Many boat owners are already bringing their boats and motors in to have them checked out for the summer ahead. Many others are coming in to discuss the latest rules and regulations in boat safety and courtesy. The fuel shortage is easing so come on in and let's have a discussion about your summer fun in '74."

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MORE THAN 90 contestants competed in 30 events at 14th annual Canterbelle horse show held Sunday in the Porterville Fair Grounds arena, with high-point winners shown from left, top: Janice Dodson, Bakersfield, 14 years and older, with show co-chairman Bob Wells making the presentation of

a silver belt buckle; Karen Stieb, Porterville, high point winner in the 13 years and under group, receiving a buckle from Jack Gregg, show co-chairman; and Miss Stieb receiving the Bank of America trophy from Emmy Kibler, show secretary and Canterbelle drillmaster, for high-point Canterbelle member. Lower, from left: Stan Phelps,

president of the Canterbelle parents' association; Jim Crider, of Gilroy, show judge; Mrs. Kibler presents buckles to Canterbelle who have ridden two years in a row in state drill team competition, from left: Tonia Mason, Valerie Higley, Le Anna Anderson, and Karyn Anderson; and Keith La Moine, show announcer, from Delano.

Concert Drive

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1974-75 season is by membership only - single membership, \$10; family plan membership, \$25; and student membership, \$5. No single performance admissions are sold.

Four groups will be booked for the coming season with final signing at conclusion of the membership drive. "Holds" have been placed on the Mongolian National Folk Ensemble, a company of 50 dancers, singers and musicians, and on the Romero, internationally-known guitarists.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

GILBERT RICHARDS, Woodside—"Ten years ago I thought making money was the end of all things. Now I feel what you are doing is more important. I decided I had enough, that enough is enough, that there are other things I could do, not as profitable but more lasting. Of course, finding out how much is enough is difficult: it's like how long is a piece of string."

JACK BENNY, on 80th birthday—"Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

FAITH MACDONALD, La Jolla—"For all its troubles . . . Britain is still a great country, in the sense that people still matter more than money, violence is not the normal thing and there is still time for a kind word to neighbors and friends."



KEY PEOPLE in current membership drive of the Porterville Community Concert association are, from left: Virginia Baker, membership chairman; Parthy Engstrand, representative of Columbia Artists Management Inc., the

organization through which the Concert series is booked; and Gardner Wheeler, president of the Porterville association. Concert association membership drive runs through noon, Saturday; headquarters is Wayne's Music Mart.

(Farm Tribune photo)

Springville-Sierra Rodeo Parade

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the queen and her attendants to be announced and crowned at a Coronation ball the evening of April 13 in the Springville Veterans' building.

Queen contestants will be judged for poise and personality during an evening dinner at the Springville Veterans' building, Saturday, April 6, with the dinner catered by Springville Inn.

The following afternoon, Sunday, April 7, contestants will be judged on horsemanship in the Springville rodeo arena.

As a pre-rodeo event, fearless frontiersmen will ride out of Porterville the morning of April 13 in the 13th running of Jackass Mail, to deliver letters and packages to Springville by horse-drawn mail wagon.

Tying in also with the Springville-Sierra rodeo will be Western week in Porterville, April 15-20, with a downtown western parade on April 19.

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PORTERVILLE — The Barbershoppers' Charter night concert, sponsored by Porterville's Mineral King chorus in the Memorial auditorium, April 13, will feature the 40-voice local chapter chorus, plus the Montagne Sisters of Fresno, the Quaking Aspens (the Porterville Chapter's first

quartet), Fresno's Phoolharmonics quartet, the 70-voice Fresno chorus, the Front Row trio from Vacaville, and the Great Stage Robbery quartet from Hollywood.

Harold Grisvold, Lindsay, will conduct a short community sing, and Don Jackson, Lindsay, will be emcee.

Tickets for the charter night concert are now on sale from all members and at Mineral King Savings and Loan. Central section seats on the main floor and some side seats are reserved, with general admission along the far sides and in the balcony. Admission can be purchased at the box office.



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HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTION TO LATE FILERS

VISALIA — Persons who were late in filing for homeowner tax exemption can still receive 80 percent of the exemption under legislation recently signed into law by California Governor Ronald Reagan.

Tulare County Tax Assessor Carroll Cannon says that his office is processing those 1973 claims that were filed too late without further action by the homeowner.

Those who did not file at all have until 5 p.m., April 1 to file their claim for homeowner exemption, and qualify for 80 percent of the exemption.

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THESE BOY SCOUTS of Troop 117 will be in shape when they take off on a 15-mile Hike-A-Thon at 9 a.m., March 30 to raise money for Mt. Whitney Council camp facilities and other Boy Scout functions.

Scouts are asking businessmen to back them at a given amount per mile. Following the Hike-A-Thon conclusion, check sheets will be brought to the backers who will pay on a basis of the number of miles the boy

completed. Putting the Scouts through their conditioning paces is Assistant Scoutmaster Erickson Smith, home town recruiter, Fourth Division, U.S. army.

FROST PROTECTION FOR VINEYARDS

VISALIA — Vineyardists should prepare their vineyards now to withstand spring frost, according to Farm Advisor William L. Peacock. He says that soil should be moist, firm and

weed free. Ground should be worked now, then irrigated. After bud break, if freezing temperatures are predicted, as much water as possible should be run.

BOB RAGSDALE RCA PRESIDENT

DENVER — Bob Ragsdale, of Chowchilla, has been reelected president of the Rodeo Cowboy association. Ragsdale currently is in second spot in the professional cowboy all-around standing.

Planting of processing tomatoes continues in the San Joaquin valley, and in the Sacramento valley as fields dry.

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DOUBT IS dissolved in a life of faith illumined by spiritual understanding, says James E. Pike, C.S., of Chicago, left. Pike, a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, will speak Thursday, March 28, at 8 P.M. in the Christian Science church, Harrison at D street, Porterville. His lecture, titled LIFE WITHOUT DOUBT, is free and open to the community. Pike was an educational administrator before entering the public healing ministry of Christian Science in 1956. He earned an A.B. degree from De Pauw University and did graduate work in Paris. He was a Christian Science wartime

worker while in active military service. Local arrangements for his lecture are being coordinated by Mrs. Jessie Keene, lecture committee chairman. He will be introduced by Mrs. Dorothy Russell, second reader of the local church.

CHAIRMAN NAMED FOR SCICON EVENT

VISALIA — Ervand M. Peterson has been named chairman for annual SCICON barbecue and spring wildflower festival, scheduled for Sunday, April 28. He is naturalist-interpreter at the school, located on Bear creek above Springville.



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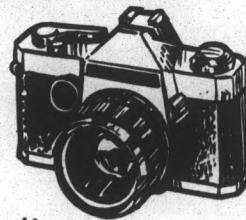
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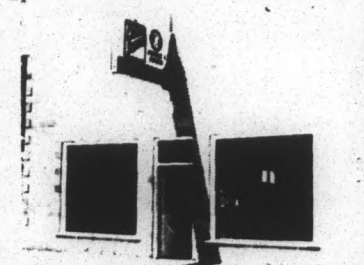
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EDUCATION, PROJECT TOURS SET FOR CLUB

By Davied Ballard

SUCCESS VALLEY — March meeting of the Success Valley 4-H club was called to order by President Tracy Gill. Bobi Stone led the Flag salute, and Terisa King the 4-H pledge.

Members and leaders inspected the new storage unit just completed. The club would like to thank John Busse for donating the door, Arthur Wardlaw for construction, and the Copeland lumber company.

Project reports were given by Sandy King, Julie Chamberlain, and Lisa Davis, rabbit; Bob Gill, Alan Gill, and Vicky Wardlaw, swine; Bobi Stone, foods; Rocky Day, beef; Terisa King, arts and crafts.

Two important dates were announced by Chairman Bob



OUR TOWN

BY RUTH LOYD

LINDA LOYD MOSCONI, and husband LEIGH, flew to New Orleans for a test. Passed with flying colors, of course. Now for the big move to Africa. Both MOSCONIS have their teaching credentials, and are starting a school for the children of the families of an oil company. Now, JOHN WEBB and MILLIE can go over for a visit, can't you just see JOHNNY WEBB in Africa? The lions and tigers better be on their best behavior.

Gill. The educational tour to City hall will be March 20, with members to meet at 4:00 P.M. out front. The project tour will be April 27, with the time to be announced.

Kristin Bedford reported on the results of the Heart Fund drive. A total of \$176.05 was collected. Kelly Gill reported on the farm equipment show, and Vicky Wardlaw on the recent skating party.

Mrs. Arthur Wardlaw urged everyone to attend the Vandalia Field day.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served by Stacie Ballard, Bob and Alan Gill, and Vicky Wardlaw.

California growers intend to plant 28,000 acres of summer onions, about 5,000 acres more than last year.

KEN SHANNON has just been in Moscow with the A.A.U.W. track team. He and another coach, decided to do some shopping and made the mistake of jaywalking across a big boulevard. A car roared up and a Russian cop jumped out, and demanded rubles from the Americans. KEN wasn't about to pay a cop on the street for his misdeed, and the cop got a little nasty. A spectator asked, in English, if he could help. When the situation was explained, the spectator yelled at the cop, and the cop roared away shaking his stick at the Americans. Russians had been advised to be nice to athletes, in view of the coming 1980 Olympics. They would like to improve their image, and they picked on the wrong men. When the crowd had drifted away, KEN offered the man some money for helping them. The man wouldn't take the money, but asked KEN if he had a stick of gum. KEN searched his pockets, and found a small piece, and gave it to his new friend. Another diplomatic crisis averted.

Our life class at the college is so much fun. RUTH SANBORN and I work hard, but keep our sketches to ourselves. The real artists, like MARGARET WHEELER, MARIE BUTTON, DOROTHY PROPP, GEORGE

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Executor of the Will of the
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of HUBLER, BURFORD, MORAN & QUIRK, Attorneys at Law, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated February 28, 1974.
SYLVESTER J. STEPHENSON
Administrator of the Estate of the
above named decedent
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Attorneys at Law
141 East Mill Avenue
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5. DON SIMPSON
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Signed Boyd Eckard.
BOYD ECKARD
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of Tulare County on
February 14, 1974.

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing is
a correct copy of the original on file
in my office.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County
Clerk
By Juanita Bunning, Deputy
f28,m7,14,21

Kelly Doran, Jimmy Bodley,
Teri Doran, Albon Ash, Deborah
Valenzuela, Billie Jean Metcalfe,
and Caroline Valenzuela.

Refreshments were served
following adjournment.

SUPPORT PRICE OF MANUFACTURED MILK IS INCREASED

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has announced that the level of support for manufacturing milk will be \$6.57 per hundredweight for the marketing year which begins April 1, as compared to the present level of \$5.61.

The \$6.57 level of support is estimated to be 80 percent of parity on April 1. This is in conformity with the provisions of the Agriculture Act of 1949, as amended by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection act of 1973, which provides that the support for manufacturing milk shall be not less than 80 percent of parity through March 31, 1975.

California marketing of fed cattle in February totaled 162,000 head, compared to 157,000 a year earlier.

February temperatures average slightly below normal over most of California.

TANIMOTO and a cute high school art teacher by the name of CHRISTIE, do some beautiful work. I just couldn't draw hands, and my figures all had blank places where they should have hands. I just made scribbles for feet, with a few toes here and there. TOM HOWELL, our handsome instructor, gave me a few casual instructions, and presto my figures have a semblance of hands and feet. I am so relieved. Now, my figures can walk and eat. It takes a smart instructor to analyse a situation, and help correct it, without going around the barn.

The Edison Co. have quit being the good guys. When your stove goes on the blink, it costs you twelve bucks for the man just to darken your doorway. I took our stove apart to put in a new light, and now I have a few parts left over. The light works, but the rest of the stove looks undressed.

Happiness was being a guest of the DeMolays in their beautiful new Masonic building. My favorite DeMolay received his fifty year pin for being a charter member. He really got around fifty years ago. He and PERCY HUBBS and RODGERS MOORE. What a group.

CHRISTY KONOP IS SPEAKER AT GOLDEN HILLS

By Caroline Bodley

SPRINGVILLE — Highlight of the March meeting of Golden Hills 4-H was guest speaker Christy Konop, who gave a program about her stay in Guatemala, Central America, as an AFS exchange student.

The business meeting opened with the flag ceremony, roll call, and minutes of the last meeting. Officers reports and other reports were given, including Mrs. Barbara Bodley, Tulare County 4-H Council; Albon Ash, Westfield 4-H Skating Party; Samantha Mitchell, Tulare County 4-H Fashion revue; Betsy Atkin, Hi 4-H holiday coffee stop; Connie Brassfield, typing for Springville Rodeo Parade entries; Brenda Tompkins, Hi 4-H food booth at the Farm Equipment show; Karen Atkin, fashion revue at the Farm Equipment show; and Mrs. Marilyn Tompkins, local Muscular Dystrophy drive, held March 16.

The club voted to make a \$30.00 donation to the Springville Volunteer Fire department in order to help improve their equipment. It was announced that the club's snow party has been rescheduled for March 30, and that the next club meeting will be April 15, rather than the regular date of April 8, because of Easter vacation.

Project reports were given by Samantha Mitchell, Karen Atkin, Pam Gibson, Cheryl Bodley,

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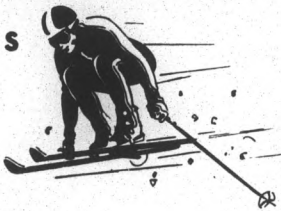
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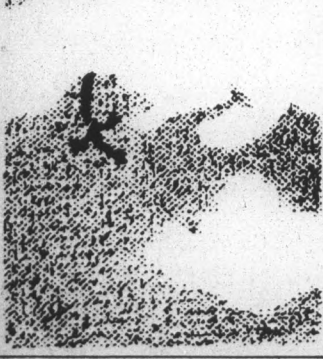
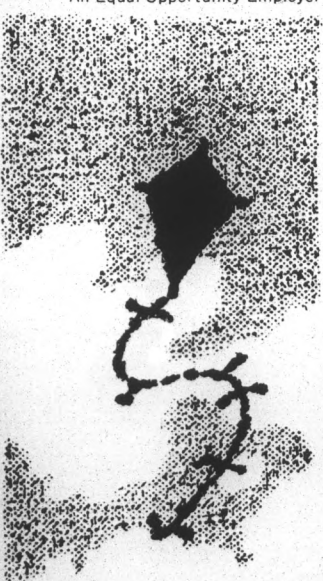
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John Alkaire

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and judging teams from throughout California invited.

Animals will be furnished by Vandalia 4-H members; contestants will draw for specific animals; trophies will go to winners.

The event is designed as an educational and competitive field day, also a "fun day" for participants.

Interested persons are invited to attend; there is no charge.

COTTON PLANTING WILL BE UP 20%

Indications now are that a total of 1,080,000 acres will be planted to cotton this season in the six San Joaquin valley producing counties, representing a 20 percent increase over last year.



THE FAMOUS poem involving the mighty smithy under the spreading Chestnut tree may have to be rewritten, what with the distaff side invading the field of the farrier. Enrolled in the present class at the Porterville Horseshoeing school are two girls - Susan Ybright, left, of Palo Cedro, California, and Sally Keaton, of Dunnigan, California. They're moving right in with furnace, hammer and anvil, and later will be actually shoeing horses.

(Farm Tribune photos)

It's Happening In SPRINGVILLE

By Carolyn J. Giddings

As of Saturday, March 16th, there will be petitions available at local businesses in Springville in honor of Sheriff's Deputy Frank Wittich. All of you who feel that Frank is doing a good job and who appreciate his long hours and interest in Springville, are invited to sign the petition statement which will be taken to Frank's boss, Bob Wiley, in Visalia. It seems that someone has contacted Frank's superiors wanting him replaced in Springville and it is the general belief that the majority of folks in Springville feel Frank is doing an outstanding job and further, perhaps it is time we told Sheriff Wiley so.

Les Tompkins, Springville Chamber of Commerce President and salesman of real estate will no longer be so easily located at Springville Realty. Les recently passed his broker's exam and has left Springville Realty. For the time being he will be at home probably working harder than ever and can be contacted there.

Steve Johnson came pedaling into Springville just after 1 arrived on Friday and when asked how long it took to ride his bike from the high school in Porterville to downtown Springville, he said it took one hour and forty minutes! Further, it only takes fifty minutes to ride to school in the morning. How about that?

There will be a Blood Bank on March 26th from 3 p.m. to 6 at the Porterville Elks and the Springville Grange has established a blood bank and will welcome any donations.

Frank Wittich, Sheriff's Deputy is holding a girl's bike that was left on Hwy. 190 just below Springville. To claim it, please contact Frank or leave your name and telephone number at the Springville Library.

The Farm Tribune BILLBOARD

MARCH

- 15-16 - Play It Again Sam, Barn Theater
- 16 - Canterbelle Western Dance, Springville
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 17 - Strathmore Lions Pancake Supper
- 17 - Canterbelle Horse Show, Port. Fair Grds.
- 18 - Opening New Member Campaign Port. Comm. Concert Assn.
- 20 - American Legion Post 20 Birthday Party
- 22 - Indian Heritage Program, Mem. Aud.
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- 23 - County Cattlemen Meet, Gang Sue's
- 23 - Vandalia 4-H Field Day, Port. Fair Grds.
- 23 - Port. El. Sch. Youth Art Festival
- 26 - Blood Bank, Elks Lodge
- 30 - Boy Scouts Hike-A-Thon
- 31 - "The Passion of Christ," Mem. Aud.

APRIL

- 5-17 - Jr. Gr. Nat. Livestock Exposition, Cow Palace, S.F.
- 13 - Jackass Mail Run
- 13 - Porterville Chapter SPEBSQSA Charter Night Show, Mem. Aud.
- 18-19-20 - Western Days, Porterville
- 20-21 - Springville-Sierra Rodeo
- 25-26 - Houndsmen Water Races, Springville
- 27 - PUHS Class of '34 Reunion, Terra Bella
- 27 - Orange Blossom Parade, Lindsay
- 27 - Monache FFA Chicken-Que & Dance
- 28 - SCICON Barbeque & Wildflower Festival

MAY

- 16-17-18 - Porterville Fair
- 30 - Monache FFA Awards Banquet

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Broke agin, wul the cow market better jump up or my pool games got to improve!"

Preliminary estimate for 1974 California asparagus shows 44,100 acres, down 900 acres from last year.

Strawberry plantings this year in California are estimated at 8,400 acres, four percent above last year.

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Mail Stamps

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Mail stamp, plus the necessary U.S. postage, and mailed at the Porterville chamber or at Springville hardware, will be carried by horse-drawn mail wagon from Porterville to Springville, then placed in the Springville post office for dispatch to points throughout the world.

Mail wagon and two other wagons officially constitute the Jackass Mail, however, in past years many more wagons have joined the line, along with several hundred horseback riders, to escort the mail wagon to Springville.

The Mail run will be patrolled by officers of the Tulare County Humane Society, who will have a veterinarian with them at all times.

Horses that show any evidence of fatigue or lameness will be pulled out of the run.

Also cooperating in handling movement of riders and wagons will be deputies from the Tulare County Sheriff's office, California Highway patrolmen, Porterville city police, and representatives of the California Highway department.

The Jackass Mail, which historically dates back to the early days of California, is staged each year as a build-up event for the annual Springville-Sierra rodeo - the rodeo this year set for April 20-21.



CONFUSION WAS rampant when ex-wagonmasters attempted to meet in Porterville's seat of culture last Friday p.m., consequently, the

1974 Jackass Mail does not have a wagonmaster; the 1974 Jackass Mail stamp, now on sale in many emporiums, was not officially approved; and scouts, outriders and teamsters for the '74 Mail run are still among the un-appointed. Trouble started early when a group of leprechauns came out of the walls to sing and dance and turn

the beer green, but order did prevail long enough for Doc Small himself to put a new, solid gold colored trophy from Whiskey Flat in the honor case (lower left) with assistance from Cody Pratt, Max Beckley, Hoss Hammond, Connie, and Red Cantrell. But later a stranger dropped in to announce that he had appointed himself

wagonmaster for the 1974 Mail run, which brought violent denouncement from ex-wagonmasters, however, (lower right) it appeared there may be a doublecross in the making what with the stranger, believed to be the notorious Al Prendez, seen conferring with the equally notorious Big Bill Ellsworth, an ex-wagonmaster. (Photos by no one knows who)

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COUNTY TAX DEADLINE IS APRIL TENTH

VISALIA - Second installment of county taxes will become delinquent if not paid by April 10, according to Jack L. Depew, Tulare county tax collector-treasurer. Payment

must be postmarked by April 10 to avoid a six percent penalty and a \$3.00 cost charge.

Depew says that individuals who have recently acquired property should request a copy

of the tax bill if taxes were not paid in escrow. He says that many property sales are completed subject to taxes.

Strawberry picking is increasing in southern California.

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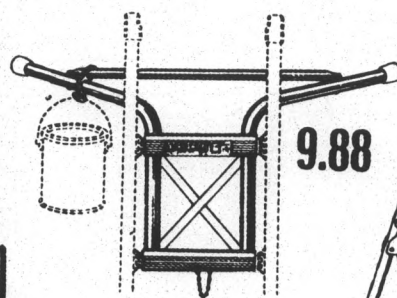
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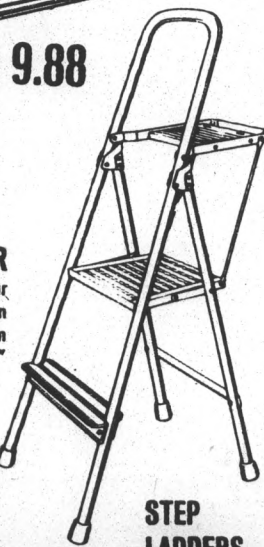


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